



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

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LOVETTSVILLE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

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TRAINING CORNER - Jose' Salazar

In an effort to provide an increase knowledge and information regarding training, the Training Division will attempt to report training information to our readers on a monthly basis.

Fall College Courses Continue at LCFR

Due to the success and increased interest in College level programs, NOVA will continue to offer programs at our facility. The Fall' 2003 schedule will offer:

FIR 111 Hazardous Materials Response-Mon 1900-2200 Cullers

FIR 255 Fire Officer III-Tues 1900-2200 Ward

FIR 220 Building Construction-Weds 1900-2200 Feiring

For more information contact: Captain Roger Martin (703) 737-8243. To register Call NOVAnet (703) 323-3770 or visit www.nvcc.edu

Did you know you could obtain college credit for your EMS training?

If you have ever been interested in pursuing a college education but did not have the time; well you may have already obtained some college credits. You may earn college credit for the completion of Virginia State Office of EMS certification programs that you may have completed in the County.

Northern Virginia Community College offers college credit for people that have completed Virginia EMT-Basic, EMT-Shock Trauma/Enhanced, and EMT-CT, Intermediate or Paramedic. These credits may be applied towards the college's EMS or Fire Science Degree.

For more information contact the Emergency Medical Technology Office at (703) 323-3032

Revised ALS Programs continue to succeed in Loudoun County

Last year the Virginia Office of EMS introduced new ALS curriculums following the DOT's release of the new National ALS Curriculums several years' back. The State also used this opportunity to also revise Virginia's Shock-Trauma program.

As a result of new programs, the Shock-Trauma and Cardiac Technician certification are being phased out and replaced with what is now known as the EMT-Enhanced and the EMT-Intermediate Program. Those individuals currently certified as either and EMT-ST or and EMT-CT have been informed that they will need to upgrade to the new level in the future.

Currently the State Office of EMS recognizes the following levels or training:

- EMS First Responder
- EMT-Basic
- EMT-Shock Trauma

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COMPANY NEWS

Company 11:

During the first week of April, the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department completed a two day training program in structural collapse. This program offered solutions to the problems of structural collapse caused by a variety of reasons using different tools ranging from simple 4X4 cribbing to engineering and building complete shoring systems.

This technical rescue module is part of an on-going annual training program effort that the members of these two departments participate in. Other technical rescue disciplines that are on the schedule include water rescue, trench rescue and confined space. This training is provided by experts from around the State and is designed to maintain the readiness of the technical rescue skills of the Sterling team. *Submitted by: David Short*



John Condon finishes up a doorway shoring.



Kathleen Leary tries her hand at cutting wedges.



A reinforced tunnel—rescuers tunneled through a simulated debris pile to reach potential victims.

Announcement of Graduations

Assistant Fire Marshall Danielle Gotthardt and Field Captain Michael Ryan of the Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue Services have been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Fire Science. Both attended the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. Their graduation ceremony was held on Saturday, May 17th.

Congratulations!

JULY 2003

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Companies 13 & 17	3 Company 15	4	5
6	7 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	8 Rescue Chiefs	9 Company 10 Retention & Recruitment Committee	10	11	12
13 Company 14	14 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	15 EMS Council	16 Fire Council	17	18	19
20	21 Company 1 ALS Committee	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Companies 4 & 8	29 Fire-Rescue Commission	30	31		

SCHEDULED TRAINING

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

Saturday, June 7, 2003

Sunday, June 8, 2003

ACLS-Refresher

Sunday, June 8, 2003

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider

Class #5 Sun. July 13, 2003

Class #6 Sat. August 9, 2003

Class #7 Sun. October 19, 2003

Class #8 Sat. December 6, 2003

National Fire Academy

The National Fire Academy is accepting applications from May 1 to June 30, 2003 for the first semester classes. The first semester classes are held from October 1 through March 31, 2004.

Schedules of class dates and descriptions can be found at www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa. Everyone meeting the admissions requirement is eligible to attend. Do not miss out on a rewarding and memorable training opportunity! Should you need assistance in documenting or completing your application, please contact me at kstiles@loudoun.gov.

Lieutenant Stiles, LCFRS

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According to the latest schedule, there will be no more testing at the EMT-ST or EMT-CT level after December 31, 2005. The State will no longer recognize these levels of certification after December 31, 2008.

As many of you may recall Loudoun County served as a pilot site for the EMT-Enhanced program in 2001. Since last year we began to offer the new EMT-Enhanced program and also began to offer the Shock-Trauma to Enhanced Transition and the

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Lovettsville Holds Open House

More than 500 people attended the Open House at the Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company on Sunday, April 27. The function is an annual event providing local residents with an opportunity to tour the fire station, meet the volunteers, and kickoff the annual fund drive.

A large display of apparatus was placed in the parking lot. Visitors had an opportunity to climb in the front seat of Wagon 12 (1999 Pierce), Tanker 12 (1999 Pierce), Squad 12 (1992 Grumman), Ambulance 12-1 (1998 Ford F-350), Ambulance 12-2 (2001 Ford F-450), Brush 12 (1989 GMC), and our 1968 Kaiser Jeep "Elizabeth" (Jeep 12). The Co 12 career staff recently refurbished Elizabeth.. Our newest ALS vehicle, a 2002 Ford Explorer, was prominently displayed along with Utility 12 (1996 GMC pickup) and 1996 Ford Bronco. Pictures of the new Pierce Hawk Urban Interface Pumper, to be delivered later this year, were displayed with a thank you to the donors that made it possible.

Our "Kid's Fire House" was overwhelmingly popular. Children were given the opportunity to try their hand at firefighting by donning bunker gear and squirting water from a fire hoseline into a small house. "Flames" in the windows were knocked over when hit with the water stream.

Rides on the fire engines were as eagerly sought. Children and their parents were given an opportunity to ride our 1979 Pierce pumper (Engine 12). The ride took them through the center of town and the route snaked south along Berlin Pike back to Station 12. Sirens wailed, red lights flashed and the kids screamed with glee.

The children and parents participated in fire extinguisher drills conducted by Assistant Chief Mike Deli. Small fires were set to replicate those found in a home. The children were given one-on-one instruction in the three "P's" before putting out the fire.

Captain Ray Collins narrated a vehicle extrication. Lovettsville FF/EMT's changed a donated sedan in to a convertible with the crowd cheering. Everyone looking on was surprised as the Hurst tools made quick work of the newer car.

Smokey the Bear, provided courtesy of the Virginia Department of Forestry, made an appearance, along with other local clubs and professionals. Served with the attractions there were hot dogs, soda pop, and cookies. It took every last hot dog bun in all of Lovettsville to complete the task. Every child that attended the Open House received a yellow fire hat, Frisbee, coloring books, and safety materials.

Submitted by Mike Senate

"Medical Information Carrier System"

The Potomac Pedalers Touring Club has 3,500 members, and frequently cycles in the DC metropolitan region. The club has recently provided to their members a "Medical Information Carrier System", which is a small label with emergency contact, health and ID information located in the helmet of the rider. A small emergency decal placed on the helmet will identify any rider who carries this information. Club Chairman Michael Cohen would like our county emergency medical personnel to know that if a rider is unconscious, how they may find this valuable information.

CAD STREETS MARCH

Street Name	Cross-Street	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Bear Tooth Dr	Pepperbush Pl	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Broad Hollow Ln	Landmark School Rd	Fauquier Co. Mutual Aid Area	3	3	FQ2
Celtic Ln	Irish Corner Rd	Dobbins	12	12	12-1
Clifton Forge Wy	Paramount Pl	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Crown Head Tr	Noble Tr	Central Parke @ Lowes Retreat	18	25	18-5
Denise Wy	Flint Farm Dr	Hamlets of Blue Ridge	4	4	4-4
Elm St	Delaplane Grade Rd	Fauquier Co. Mutual Aid Area	Fauquier 5	3	FQ9
Fiddlehead Pl	Stone Pillar Dr	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Flint Farm Dr	Scotland Heights Rd	Hamlets of Blue Ridge	4	4	4-4
Fontaine Ct	Roundmont Pl	Hamlets of Blue Ridge	4	4	4-4
Glacier Bay Ct	Wind River Dr	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Glass Mountain Pl	Stone Pillar Dr	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Grand Valley Ct	Denise Wy	Hamlets of Blue Ridge	4	4	4-4
Green Fern Ct	Paramount Pl	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
High Plateau Ct	Stone Pillar Dr	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Horsefields Ln	John S Mosby Hwy	Fauquier Co. Mutual Aid Area	Fauquier 5	3	FQ9
Kent Dr	Dulles Center Bl	Dulles Town Center	18	25	18-6
Light Horse Ct	Sally Mill Rd	Sally Mill	7	3	7-6
Natural Bridge Pl	Bear Tooth Dr	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Noble Tr	Algonkian Pkwy	Central Parke @ Lowes Retreat	18	25	18-5
Pepperbush Pl	Stone Springs Bl	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Prairie Grass Dr	Stone Pillar Dr	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Rallywood Farm Ln	Stonehedge Rd	Fauquier Co. Mutual Aid Area	3	3	FQ4
Rawley Springs Dr	Paramount Pl	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Round Knoll Ct	Flint Farm Dr	Hamlets of Blue Ridge	4	4	4-4
Roundmont Pl	Flint Farm Dr	Hamlets of Blue Ridge	4	4	4-4
Royal Palace Sq	Noble Tr	Central Parke @ Lowes Retreat	18	25	18-5
Stone Pillar Dr	Tall Cedars Pkwy	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Walnut St	Delaplane Grade Rd	Fauquier Co. Mutual Aid Area	Fauquier 5	3	FQ9
Waterford Woods Ct	Stumptown Rd	Waterford Woods	10	13	10-7
Wind River Dr	Fiddlehead Pl	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9

New Street Name	Old Street Name	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Waterford Farm Ln	Glen Echo Ln	Fauquier Co. Mutual Aid Area	3	3	FQ4

CAD STREETS

APRIL

Street Name	Cross-Street	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Arbor Green Wy	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Bayard Tr	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Becontree Tr	Halburton Tr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Bramblebush Tr	Tumbletree Tr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Bridgewater Pl	Cedar Hollow Dr	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Broxton Tr	Larchmont Wy	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Cabernet Pl	Vineyard View Pl	Salem Farm	16	16	16-2
Cassia Ln	Georges Mill Rd	Moler	12	12	12-1
Cedar Hollow Dr	Edgewater St	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Confederate Ct	Spinks Ferry Rd	Lees Crossing	10	13	10-9
Crosswind Tr	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Doyle Tr NE	Planters Grove Ct NE	Potomac Station	1	13	1-9
Edgemere Tr	Becontree Tr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Edmonton Tr NE	Potomac Station Dr NE	Potomac Station	1	13	1-9
Fieldthorn Tr	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Fishers Hill Ct	Cedar Hollow Dr	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Gladehill Ct	Cedar Hollow Dr	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Grand Ellison Ct	Braddock Rd	Westbrook	7	9	7-14
Gregory Ct	Spring Farm Ci	Blue Spring Farm	19	19	19-2
Halburton Tr	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Heather Leigh Ct	Forest Farm Ln	Cedar Ridge	6	6	6-6
Helen Marie Ct	Forest Farm Ln	Cedar Ridge	6	6	6-6
Highgrove Tr	Fieldthorn Tr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
John Danforth Ct	Forest Farm Ln	Cedar Ridge	6	6	6-6
Julie Martin Ct	Forest Farm Ln	Cedar Ridge	6	6	6-6
Keesling Farm Ln	Folly Ln	Keesling Family	12	12	12-4
Laceys Tavern Ct	Braddock Rd	Westbrook	7	9	7-14
Larchmont Wy	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Legrace Tr NE	Edmonton Tr NE	Potomac Station	1	13	1-9
Mandileigh Ln	Piggott Bottom Rd	Parker Family	5	17	5-6
Mary Rita Tr	Forest Farm Ln	Cedar Ridge	6	6	6-6
McArthur Tr NE	Edmonton Tr NE	Potomac Station	1	13	1-9
McCoy Ct	Spring Farm Ci	Blue Spring Farm	19	19	19-2
Nellie Ct	Spring Farm Ci	Blue Spring Farm	19	19	19-2
Olde Stone Ln	Wenner Rd	Potomac Highbrook	12	12	12-2
Pinot Noir Ln	Cabernet Pl	Salem Farm	16	16	16-2
Planters Grove Ct NE	Potomac Station Dr NE	Potomac Station	1	13	1-9
Planters Tr NE	McArthur Tr NE	Potomac Station	1	13	1-9
Pleasant Woods Ct	Paramount Pl	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Rocky Gap Ct	Paramount Pl	The Ridings @ Blue Spring	19	19	19-2
Sandi Louise Ct	Forest Farm Ln	Cedar Ridge	6	6	6-6
Seyzal Ln	Vineyard View Pl	Salem Farm	16	16	16-2
Spring Farm Ci	Poland Rd	Blue Spring Farm	19	19	19-2
Sunderleigh Sq	Fieldthorn Tr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Sunstone Ct	Ridgeway Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Tangle Twig Ln	Creamer Ln	Adams Family	16	16	16-2
Tumbletree Tr	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Twintree Tr NE	Edmonton Tr NE	Potomac Station	1	13	1-9
Vineyard View Pl	Harpers Ferry Rd	Salem Farm	16	16	16-2
Weadon Farm Ln	Old Wheatland Rd	Guggenheim	5	17	5-2
Windy Oaks Sq	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Wynnwood Ln	Allder School Rd	Tsui Family	2	14	2-7

Old Street Name	New Street Name	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Conesus Tr	Conesus Sq	Ashburn Village	6	6	6-7

EMT-CT to EMT-Intermediate program.

This year we are currently conducting an EMT-Enhanced to EMT-Intermediate Bridge program in the evening. In the daytime, we are conducting our first full time day-time EMT-Intermediate program. This allows current EMT-Basic providers to move up to the EMT-Intermediate level. This is an intense program where students have lectures 3 days a week and clinical rotations 2 days a week. This program is being done to help bridge the need for more ALS providers in our rapidly growing system.

Currently we have 7 students enrolled in the EMT-E Bridge program and 6 students in the daytime EMT-Intermediate program.

Both programs will be completed in June and students will have to take the National Registry Intermediate exam to obtain certification.

We hope that by July we will have 13 new ALS providers

SAFETY & HEALTH OFFICER HIRED



Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue announces the hiring of Bob Swarthout as their Safety and Health Officer, effective April 24, 2003. As Safety Officer, he will be responsible for the implementation of a safety and health program and compliance with NFPA standards as well as federal, state, and local laws.

Bob comes to us after a 30-year career with the Arlington County Fire Department where he obtained the rank of Captain. He held a number of positions with Arlington including Company Officer, Assistant Training Officer, Staff Assistant to the Fire Chief, and Safety, Health and Wellness officer. He was a Captain on the Technical Rescue Team and was the site safety officer at the Pentagon on 9-11. He is certified to teach the OSHA 1910 General Industry standard. He has been a member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years where he currently serves as a member on the Board of Directors. Bob earned an Associate of Science degree at Northern Virginia Community College.

Bob has been married to his wife Nancy for 32 years. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

to begin precepting in the County. We wish them the best of luck in their testing.

Stay Safe!